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Delegates, adult leaders and guest speakers of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship third annual meeting held March 16-17 in Central Church, Atlanta, Ga.

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

Miss Helen Dizney, R. N., a Congregational Christian missionary nurse for more than 30 years and a pioneer in nurses' training and public health work in both Africa and China, will speak at the Kentucky - Tennessee Family Camp and Women's Retreat during June 9-15; at the Georgia - South Carolina Women's Retreat June 15-16; and at the Alabama Women's Retreat July 23-24.

Miss Dizney served in North China for more than 25 years prior to World War II when she was held by the Japanese for nine months. Released in 1942, she returned to this country and spent the remaining years of the war doing public health nursing in Maine.

In 1947 she went back to China to become Director of the Public Health Program for the whole North China Kung Li Hui area with headquarters in Tunghsien.

Forced to leave China by communist pressures in 1950, she returned to the United States and was soon after reassigned to Southern Rhodesia, Africa. After a brief period of service at the Willis F. Pierce Memorial Hospital at Mt. Silinda, she was transferred to Chikore where she has since been a member of the staff of the Cottage Hospital and Dispensary.

Miss Dizney was born in Jellico, Tenn., educated at Berea College in Kentucky, and West Suburban Hospital Training School, Oak Park, Ill., and received her Bachelor of Science degree and certificate in public health nursing from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

MASARU TAKAHASHI

The Rev. Takahashi will be present for the Alabama - NW Florida Young People's Conference July 14-20, and will be the resource person at the Alabama Women's Retreat July 23-24 to discuss the mission study theme — "Japan."

Mr. Takahashi is especially well equipped to speak on and conduct classes on the Christian Church in Japan, having served, since his graduation from Doshisha University, as Assistant Pastor in three Japanese Churches before being ordained and receiving his pastorate in 1954 at the Harai-chi Church, Gunnaken.

He has 17 years' leadership experi-

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Need For Church Building Loan Fund Pledges

At the April meeting of the Church Building Committee, applications were on hand totaling over \$1,000,000 with only \$150,000 available for immediate appropriation. This, we submit, is nothing short of tragic. The building season lies before us; the needs are genuine and great, but the resources are woefully inadequate in spite of the more than \$4,000,000 that has been paid in on the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

The rate of repayments on outstanding loans to the churches currently amount to about \$1,000,000 annually. This means that \$250,000 maximum will be available each quarter and it simply is not enough. About \$700,000 of Church Building Loan Fund pledges remain outstanding. Could this money be paid promptly, it would go a long way toward meeting present needs.

We feel that where the churches have made declarations, and there remains an unpaid balance, that the churches should, for their own sakes quite as much as for the sake of the cause involved, meet these pledges unless there be extenuating circumstances to justify otherwise. To disregard a pledge is spiritually bad for a church just as it is spiritually bad for an individual.

—Stanley U. North

(Note: Churches of the Southeast Convention pledged a total of \$29,958.35. Of this amount \$22,718.05 has been paid. Still outstanding is \$7,240.30.)

Dr. Buschmeyer Resigns

The Rev. Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, associate minister of the General Council and director of the Dept. of Ministry, has accepted a call to the post of assistant general secretary in the National Council of Churches and director of its office in Washington, D. C. He will assume his new responsibilities early in September.

The response of our Congregational Christian fellowship to this announcement will be one of consternation and pride. Dr. Buschmeyer has filled his high office in our General Council with exceptional dignity and distinction — and has done so during a time of no little strain and stress. While therefore we are glad that his special abilities have been recognized by the National Council of Churches, we cannot restrain our regret that he must leave his work among us to take up this new, responsible task in the nation's capital.

"Dr. Buschmeyer has put an indelible imprint of his stalwart faith in Christ and intense devotion to the Congregational way on the structures of our fellowship," declares Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister of the General Council. "His ministry to our military chaplains has enabled them to know they are honored servants of our communion. His leadership in the Department of the Ministry has made all of us the richer. His service to the General Council has made him honored and beloved throughout the land."

— reprinted from Advance Magazine

NEW DIMENSIONS IN HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

This is the keynote of the 1957 14th annual Race Relations Institute to be held at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., during July 1-13.

The institutes are conducted under the auspices of the Race Relations Department of the American Missionary Association, a department of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The general purpose of the Institute is to train and orient leaders in local communities in the problems, processes and methods of implementing better inter - group relations. It endeavors to assess the status of current developments, provide authoritative informa-

tion on the psychological, sociological, political, economic and religious aspects of inter - group problems, and to evaluate techniques and strategies.

All interested citizenry — religious leaders, students, teachers — are cordially invited to attend. The cost for the two weeks' session is \$80 for room, board and tuition. Three semester hours of academic credit toward undergraduate or graduate degrees may be earned.

A faculty drawn from the country's top authorities in social science, housing, religion and law will be available as lecturers and resource leaders.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN TRILOGY *Faith, Freedom, Fellowship*

III. FELLOWSHIP

The third element in the Congregational Christian Trilogy is Fellowship. Fellowship connotes for us profoundly more than meeting as church members, as associations, conferences, conventions, and as the General Council. The getting acquainted, the forming of friendships, the eating of meals, the listening to addresses, good and poor,—this all is important. But were that all there is to fellowship, there would be little more than an emotional satisfaction. Fellowship means, too, working together, partnership. The Christian religion is a great adventure. It involves an enlistment. It is a crusade to establish no less than the kingdom of God.

Let it be confessed that there is much about organized religion that is superficial. The church is continually plagued by indifference, lip service, and meagre support, that is no credit to the giver and certainly no honor to God.

Some people have the queer notion that a particular church belongs to its members to do with as they please. That is true in a legal sense, as regards its physical property. But when a church is dedicated to God the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ, His Spirit, the Holy Ghost, that church has ceased

to belong to its members, — it belongs to God. The members are merely its custodians. Of a certainty, no church dedicated to God in Christ is free to act in defiance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If this be true, then the church is much more than a place of worship. It is a congregation of people seeking to know the will of God and in that knowledge to serve the Most High with devotion. The local church, however, would be seriously limited without fellowship expressed through missionary societies established to perform specific tasks in the name of Christ.

The Hawaiian Islands were evangelized by missionaries of the American Board. The Hawaiian churches have assumed responsibility for evangelizing the Micronesian Islands. The Christian religion is dynamic. If it be static, it is less than Christian.

Religion is both personal and social. Sometimes it never gets beyond the personal. One is concerned only with his own salvation, forgetting that "those who save their own lives stand to lose them; but those who lose their lives for Christ's sake and the Gospel shall save them."

Over the years our churches have been socially minded, concerned to relieve suffering, to educate the illiterate, to minister to the sick, to take the gos-

pel of love to backward people throughout the world and to proclaim Christ's redeeming power across the nation. Much has been accomplished. Much remains to be done. Fellowship is the answer. We are free, and as free churches we share through Our Christian World Mission, creating a mighty influence for righteousness. Fellowship has made it possible.

Our faith wouldn't be worth much of it didn't issue in action. We are worthy of our freedom only if we make it meaningful. Our fellowship has been glorious in the past. It can continue to be a blessing, pleasing to God, if we are so minded.

Great days lie ahead for the Southeast. Commerce and industry are on the march. And the Convention should likewise be alert to its opportunities to serve in Christ's name. We of the Board of Home Missions want to help — we trust you will permit us to do so.

(Address given by Dr. Stanley U. North at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention in LaGrange on March 30-31. If you missed the first two parts of the address, published in the May issue of *The Southeast News*, and would like to have a copy, write to the Convention office, 673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.)

Summer Conference Dates

Kentucky - Tennessee Family Camp: June 9-15 at Pomona, Tenn. Dean, Rev. Harley Patterson, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Alabama - NW Florida Conference: For young people 12-18, at Southern Union College. Dean, Rev. Collie Seymour, Garden City, Alabama. The time is July 14-20.

Work Camp: July 28 through Aug. 10. Directors, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Berry, 303 Dallas St., LaGrange, Ga. GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN IMMEDIATELY — the limit of 25 has almost been reached.

Georgia-South Carolina Family Camp: Aug. 18-24 at Camp Juniper, Ga. Dean, Rev. Edw. Knight, Rt. 1, Waycross, Ga.

Information on any of the above camps may be obtained from the deans, or from Miss Annie Campbell at the Southeast Convention office.

CHRISTIAN FAITH AND HUMAN RELATIONS

The first Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations was held at the University Center in Nashville, Tenn., April 23-25, sponsored by the Tennessee Council of Churches, the Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, and many individual Southerners.

More than 300 Protestant churchmen and churchwomen from Virginia thru Texas attended the sessions, which included seminars and addresses with all-Southern leadership.

Congregationalists who participated were the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery, program chairman, Dr. Herman H. Long, director Race Relations Department of the Board of Home Missions, speaker, and the Rev. Howard Kester, Fellowship of Southern Churchmen, secretary of the sponsoring committee.

Those attending from the Southeast

Convention were: Rev. Arnold Slater, Dr. Kendrick Grobel, Rev. Claude W. Warren, Dr. and Mrs. Metcalf, Dr. and Mrs. M. M. Young, Miss Miriam Heermans, Mrs. Boyd, Rev. Annie R. Campbell, and Mrs. Ed. A. Albright.

Seminars were offered on "Nonviolent approaches to racial tension," "Opening churches to all," "The Church and the public school issue," and "The Church and community relations."

In general, the speakers deplored the lack of witness of the Church, and the lack of leadership of the ministry, in this crisis in human relations and Christian brotherhood. Hope was expressed that through such meetings, the sharing of concerns, insights, and methods, the Church might lead people to an awareness of justice and freedom.

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A Teen Prayer . . .

ON GRADUATION DAY

Our Father, thank you for bringing me to this graduation day which once seemed so distant. For the gifts of life, wisdom, and courage I am grateful to you.

As I join my classmates for the last time, dear God, grant me a few quiet moments with you to look back in thankfulness and learn from what has been done; and to look forward in high expectation and ponder what you would have me do in the days ahead.

From among my memories of high school days now past, grant me wisdom and insight to learn from mistakes and take hope in successes, but always to keep fresh and foremost those truths which will guide me in future days.

May I always remember that alone I could not have given myself this rich experience of growing in knowledge and personality. Only through earnest and dedicated teachers, community leaders, friends, and my parents could I have known these blessings of public education.

Help me now to use these blessings in responsible living in the world about me and in dedicated service to you.

— Amen.

God Speaks To Our World

This is the theme of the Eighth International Congregational Council to be held in Hartford, Conn., July 2-10, 1958. It expresses the concern which is laid upon us to explore the relevance and timeliness of the Christian Gospel as we seek to express it through our churches. This we shall do in the atmosphere of the unique fellowship provided by the meeting of Congregationalists from all over the world.

Only once in five years is this opportunity available — the opportunity of meeting with fellow Christians from Africa and the Far East, from Australia and New Zealand, from the Continent of the West Indies and South America, from the mission churches of the American Board and the London Missionary Society, and from the United Churches in India, Japan, and the Philippines. Only once in five years comes the opportunity of hearing our world leaders in home and overseas work, and our distinguished theologians, writers, and administrators.

NEW PRESIDENT AT ELON

Announcement has been made that Dr. Earl Danieleley will succeed Dr. Leon E. Smith as president of Elon College. He will assume his responsibilities on July 1, 1957.

When Dr. Smith retires at the end of June he will have served Elon for more than a quarter of a century, and at a crucial period in the history of the college. When he arrived he found five new buildings and a sizeable debt; when he leaves there will be four additional new buildings, and some debt. Increased endowment, invested funds, and student enrollment will certainly make it easier to pay bills as they come due.

Dr. Earl Danieleley has already proven his leadership ability, even though he is young in years. As a teacher, dean of the college, lay-pastor of churches, public speaker, and president of the Laymen's Fellowship he has demonstrated his worth and has won the confidence of those who know him.

May 24-27 Dr. Smith presided at the final commencement under his administration — his 26th time to say farewell to seniors as they graduate from college. May his remaining years be filled with the joy of remembering.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

This is the year when many churches in different denominations are studying and thinking about Southeast Asia. As Congregational Christians we have been particularly concerned with the Philippine Islands. This month let us turn our attention to the northern-most part of the Island of Mindanao near beautiful Lake Lanao. This is an area inhabited by a very fierce tribe known as the Maranaws or Moros. They are a people who delight in colorful costumes, haunting songs, and intricate folk dancing. But this is also a culture where family feuds still rage, slavery is known to exist, stealing is common, and illiteracy, particularly among girls, is frequent. Clearly, this is an area of great challenge to the Christian mission.

To meet the challenge, in 1950 Dansalan Junior College was started. These lines from a report by Miss Frances Thompson would indicate that in six short years the challenge had not only been met but progress was being made:

"Our students are definitely taking on a new understanding, a new tolerance, a new attitude of friendliness. From the attitudes of their teachers, from their study of the Bible, from the convocations and other activities they attend and engage in—from these and a number of other things they are gaining an understanding of Christians and Christian philosophy that is slowly dissolving their traditional suspicion and antagonism. While they have not yet come to love the Bible, they definitely have ceased to think of it as poison. And they certainly no longer think of our church as forbidden ground."

Other developments have come about in six years, namely, Dansalan Junior College is physically splitting its seams. Classes are being held on the stage of the auditorium, library stacks are in the dining room, study halls must be held in shifts, and boarding facilities are non-existent. To build a new school building for Dansalan, \$30,000 is required. As an authorized special of the American Board, all gifts to this fund will receive apportionment credit. Your contributions may be sent to the Southeast Convention office, marked "Dansalan Junior College."

Churchmen's Fellowship

A church where men go to listen to professionals, with no participation, is the Roman Catholic concept. The whole church attempting to witness is the Protestant way. If we are to follow the Protestant way, we must strive for a live, vital Churchmen's Fellowship supplementing and expanding the spiritual guidance and inspiration of Sunday Services into the practical, everyday living of the more abundant Christian way of life.

To be a live, vital fellowship we must have programs of education, inspiration, fellowship and fun that will appeal to men, create a desire to participate, and motivate them to be living exponents of the practical Christian life. The expanded organization of the Churchmen's Fellowship is striving to develop programs that will accomplish this purpose but has gone as far as the limited funds will permit at this time.

Another much needed link to enrich and coordinate the activities of the local fellowships is a means of communication for sharing the experiences, the exchanging of ideas and the conveying of general information to the local fellowship. This could be accomplished by purchasing a page each month in *The Southeast News* at a cost of \$15 per month; \$180 per year. This page would be for the exclusive use of the Churchmen's Fellowship and would be far reaching in its effect. Adoption of this plan must await receipt of the necessary funds. And for maximum results, each local fellowship would need to encourage its members to subscribe to *The Southeast News*.

Copies of the amended constitution and other information have been mailed to your church. Included in this information was a plea for voluntary contributions to support the work of The Churchmen's Fellowship as set up in the constitution. The Churchmen's Fellowship belongs to YOU, the members, and can only grow and expand by your cooperation and financial support. Please make your church's contribution as soon as possible so we may continue our work.

Tomorrow Together

The history-making First Joint Convention of The Laymen's Fellowship and The Churchmen's Brotherhood will be held August 23, 24, 25 at Oberlin

CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB REPORT

Your church and mine can be no stronger than you and I help to build the denomination of Congregational Christian Churches in our Southeast Convention. The more churches and the stronger churches we have, the more resources we will have to draw on, the richer will be our experiences and the broader will be our out-reach — because we will have more people and churches to share with and we will strengthen each other.

The limited resources of the Southeast Convention makes the establishment of a single new church a huge undertaking, taxing its strength and resources. For this reason the function of The Church Builders Club is especially important to supplement the building program of The Southeast Convention. Realizing the importance of its mission, the officers and trustees have dedicated themselves to the task of conducting all the affairs of The Church Builders Club on sound business principles and policies, as expressed by the members in the constitution and the resolutions adopted by the membership.

MEMBERSHIP PLEDGES will be limited to not more than two each year. Only those who have paid the current pledge will be considered as active members; those who fail to pay the current pledge after the call will be dropped from the active membership list. They can, of course, rejoin the club at any time by paying the current call and without paying previous calls unless they so desire.

CALL FOR PAYMENT ON PLEDGES will be made by the Promotional Committee through the representatives in the local churches at the opening of the drive for the church approved by the club and by the Survey and Church

College in Oberlin, Ohio. Many outstanding speakers and leaders will be present. Cost is \$20, which covers registration, lodging and seven meals. Many registrations are already in, assuring good attendance and a real live program. For further information write A. B. Snell, SEC president, or Walter Graham, national executive secretary, Pembroke, Ky. Plan to have a carload go, or better still, charter a bus for the men of your church.

A. B. Snell, President

ch Aid Committee of the Southeast Convention. Receipts will be mailed for each contribution. The Treasurer may send out notices of unpaid pledges. Solicitations for unpaid pledges from any other source is unauthorized and should be reported to one of the officers for proper action. The single exception to this rule was the authorized request by W. C. Carpenter (at his own expense) to the unpaid pledgees for the Douglas project. Mr. Carpenter has advised that the returns no longer justify the expense and he is discontinuing mailing to these unpaid pledgees.

Funds For Other Churches

The Church Builders Club will solicit funds for only one project at a time, as authorized by the Board of Trustees of the club. After the closing date for that project, all solicitations will be discontinued. However, we will be pleased to accept money designated for particular churches when sent through regular Church Builders Club channels: to the Convention offices, where it is recorded and the funds forwarded to the Treasurer, entered in his records and deposited. This is the only method that will insure that proper credits and records will be made, both for current mailing lists and for auditing. Funds designated for churches other than the current project cannot be counted as payment of regular membership pledges.

The Church Builders Club belongs to the members and with your help and cooperation we will continue to help build more and better churches of Congregational freedom and Christian faith for the Glory of God and the betterment of mankind in the rapidly expanding Southland. The South will be no better place to live in than the

DEDICATION SPEAKER

The Rev. James H. Lightbourne Sr., Superintendent of the Rhode Island Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and father of SEC Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr., was the speaker at the service of dedication for the Church History Room at Elon College on May 12. Dr. Lightbourne formerly served churches in Burlington, N. C., and Holland, Va., and was a leader in the Southern Convention.

Church News

The Rev. A. Goff Bedford has accepted the call to become the Director of Christian Education in the Circular Congregational Church of Charleston, S. C., where his father, the Rev. Archie B. Bedford, is the minister.

He will begin his work in Charleston on June 9, having charge of the youth work in the church and supplying the pulpit during the vacation of the minister. He has also accepted a teaching position in Moultrie High School, a suburb of Charleston, as his service in the church will be on a part-time basis for the present.

The Circular Church has been growing steadily under the ministry of the Rev. Archie B. Bedford and his capable wife. Six more new members were received into the church on May 9, bringing the active membership up to 246. The Church School is having an attendance of over 100 almost every Sunday. It is a joy to see this old and historic church regaining its strength and making its influence felt in the life of Charleston and in the Southeast Convention.

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Dr. Thomas Anderson, minister of Atlanta Central Church, has been honored by the Plymouth Church of the Pilgrims in Brooklyn, N. Y., by being asked to be one of the seven men for the 1957 Summer Series of Services in the great church made famous by Dr. Henry Ward Beecher, Newell Dwight Hillis and other nationally and internationally famous clergymen.

The date of Dr. Anderson's appearance on the series is Sunday, July 28. Dr. Kwai Sing Chang, who is a member of Central Church, an ordained Congregational minister and who is teaching now in the Department of Religion at Agnes Scott College, will preach for Dr. Anderson that day.

The Men of Central, an organization of the laymen of the church, entertained 212 boys with a dinner at the Atlanta Boys' Club on March 25. Another activity sponsored by this group will be a fish-fry for all the people of the church and their friends. The objective is to provide money for future activities of a benevolent nature to aged and shut-in people.

Received into the life of the church

during the Maundy Thursday service were 18 new members. The service included a candlelight Communion Service and Ceremony of Lights.

The Couples' Club of Central Church has completed its project of purchasing an Elliott Addressette and a year's supply of stencils, ink, stencil trays and other items needed to speed up church mailings. Another item is a "Speakerette," a unit for speakers' notes which can be placed on a table at banquets and other such occasions.

The project adopted for the coming year is to have the Narthex floor covered with Armstrong rubber tile, and the project will be financed through club activities, the first being a bar-b-que chicken dinner and entertainment on the grounds of the Carl Henry home.

Dr. Joanne Motsinger is presenting a "hi-fi" tape recorder to the church as a memorial to her late father and mother, Dr. John B. and Dr. Nellie B. Motsinger.

—from "The Messenger,"
Church newsletter

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Columbus United Church has completed its spring revival services. A different minister preached each service; the Reverends R. J. Barnes, E. A. Galloway, W. S. Wood, McConnel H. Stevens (Methodist), Peter Doherty, Samuel M. Penn, Charles Burns (Baptist), Harry Cobb (Church of Christ).

On Mother's Day the Juniors had charge of the morning service, with a short message from the pastor, the Rev. W. S. Wood.

Ten new members were added to the church roll, bringing the total members received this year to 28. Plans are being made for another revival this fall.

The Men's Club, the Women's Fellowship and the Sunday School each gave a corsage to mothers: the oldest mother, the youngest mother, the mother with the most children present. The Pilgrim Fellowship pinned a white or red rose on each person who attended services on Mother's Day.

—Ruth Ward, reporter

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The members of Ft. Valley Society Hill Church are proud to report that our

new flower tables and two new pews have been installed and are paid for. We have ordered our attic fan and it is to be installed before the hot weather.

Average attendance for Sunday school in April was 52. We had a wonderful Mother's Day program. Our oldest mother was Mrs. Nannie Tucker, 73 years young; and the youngest was Mrs. Marshall Gordon, aged 19. Present that day as visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Turner of Atlanta and also some visitors from Macon.

We are happy to start the new church year with a new member — Mrs. J. B. Hutto of Macon, Ga.

On April 7 we had about 30 Junior Police from Ft. Valley as visitors for the evening service. Our worship service on each first Sunday night is something new but has proved very successful with good attendance. Our mid-week prayer service is growing too, as is the church, under the leadership of a pastor, the Rev. Woodrow Dorsey.

—Mrs. Ethel Jones, reporter

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The annual homecoming day was held at Waycross Williams Chapel Church on May 5th, and the 24th anniversary of the founding of the church was commemorated.

The morning service was in charge of the pastor, the Rev. B. Edward Knight, with N. A. Long and Mrs. Margaret Osburn Taylor participating.

The afternoon service included singing, both special numbers and hymns, and talks by visitors and former ministers. Jimmie Jernigan was in charge of this program.

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On March 1 the Rev. Paul Pike began his pastoral work at the Shawmut Todd Church. We welcome this family into our fellowship and our community with much faith and look forward to a program of helping one another in our church and community, and our fellowmen everywhere. May we all strive to work in unison, more than ever before in our church, and in all the churches, that we may truly serve the Lord.

Members of the church painted the pastor's home. Those unable to assist in the work brought hot coffee and cake when it was need most.

The Laymen's Fellowship sponsored a Family Night Supper on Feb. 16, with

SOUTHERN UNION NEWS . . .

The Board of Trustees of Southern Union College have announced the launching of a ten year million dollar development drive for the expansion of campus facilities and program. W. Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, Ala., chairman of the Board, announced that the development program will be given careful study during the next year and will be ready for a major emphasis at the time of the 1958 annual meeting. Immediate plans call for a \$1,000,000 drive over the ten year period. This will include \$750,000 for new buildings; \$200,000 for permanent endowment funds; and \$50,000 for repairs on present facilities. The \$60,000 dormitory for women, Pilgrim Hall, is not included in the program since it is scheduled for completion by September of 1957.

The Board named Douglas Wasson as acting president of the college and also elected him to the permanent position of vice-president in charge of promotion. He has been serving as Director of Public Relations and Admissions and has been acting president since last August.

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave was re-elected Dean of the Faculty and Dr. Henry H. Diehl, a new staff member coming in December of 1957, was named Dean of Students.

The Board voted to expand its membership from 24 to 32 in order to have a wider representation across the nation. Four new trustees were nominated by the Board and will be approved by the Executive Committee after their acceptance. Members elected for the class of 1961 include the Rev. Robbins Ralph of Avon Park, Fla., who succeeds retiring Dr. Wm. Tuttle; the Rev. Roger T. Burton of Irvington, N. J. (re-elected); and the Rev. Ludwig Emigholz of Cleveland, Ohio (re-elected). Four additional members will be elected by the Southeast Convention.

Executive Board members elected

were W. Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, chairman; Vernon L. Carter of Wadley, secretary; John B. Stevenson of Roanoke, member-at-large; Lynn H. Blair of Alexander City, member-at-large; John R. Harris of Wadley, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., and Acting President Douglas Wasson are ex officio members.

May Day

The annual May Day Festival was held on May 11. Miss Glenda Barrett was crowned 1957 "Queen of May" and her attendants were Misses Janelle Nunn, Joan Talley and Irene Roberts.

The traditional Maypole dance was directed by Miss Carolyn Welch, instructor in dramatics. A May Day Pageant, an original creation by Robert C. Yoh, instructor in literature and art, followed.

A baseball game between the SUC Bisons and the West Georgia College Braves, a picnic supper and a square dance completed the 1957 celebration.

Scholastic Fraternity

SUC has been granted a chapter of the national junior college scholastic fraternity, Phi Theta Kappa, a recognized honorary scholarship fraternity whose object is to promote scholarship, develop character and cultivate fellowship among men and women in the junior colleges of the United States. Students must have an average of B-plus for at least two quarters in order to be eligible.

Baccalaureate Speaker

Dr. Charles F. Parker, minister of First Congregational Church of Prescott, Arizona was the speaker for baccalaureate services on June 2.

Dr. Parker, who was recently elected to the college's Board of Trustees, spoke on the theme, "Two Men — Two Choices." He was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Kitty Jo, who is a sophomore at the University of Arizona.

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the Rev. W. M. McCullars as guest speaker. (However, Mack and Dot never seem like guests to us, since they were once part of our fellowship). We are very proud of the work they are doing at the Lanett Huguley Church.

The Women's Fellowship had charge of the evening service on Feb. 17, and the program consisted of a dedication service for the Woman's Gift. Given by candlelight, with each member taking an active part, it was very inspirational.

Mrs. Doris Pera, Friendly Service Chairman, had a special dedication for our foreign mission project — a blanket and material.

Another special project of the women is making a quilt, with names embroidered for each 25c donation. Money from the quilt project will be used to help make the church payment and finish up the rest rooms. The women also raised, by pledges, enough money for one church payment.

—Mrs. Jerry Strength, reporter

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We of the Roanoke Antioch Church are grateful to all who helped make the "turkey supper" a success. The WMS made \$458 clear of all expense.

On March 11 the Ladies Society met in the home of Mrs. J. W. Collier with 12 members present and one visitor. The program was called to order by the president, Mrs. Calvin Williams. Devotion was given by Mrs. Mary Royston with group prayer. A play, "Who Yet Speaketh", was given with Mrs. C. J. Birdsong, Mrs. J. F. Brown, and Mrs. Calvin Williams taking part.

The secretary, Mrs. Cecil Lee, reported that as of March 1 the WMS completed another project — the renovation of the Sunday School rooms.

—Anita K. Williams, reporter

Churches, served as dean of the Convocation and School. The Rev. Clyde C. Flannery of Nashville, Tenn., was Chaplain.

The Reverends Collie Seymour and Carl Landes were instructors of the two credit courses, "New Testament" and "Stewardship and Missioinary Education." The Rev. Miss Carolyn P. Welch directed the Associates in Reading Course.

MINISTER'S CONVOCATION AND TRAINING SCHOOL

The spring Convocation and Training School for all ministers of the Southeast Convention was held May 6-10 at Wadley, Ala., with about 30 ministers attending — fifteen coming in for part of the sessions.

Meetings were held in the Wadley

Christian Church. The Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent-elect of the Southeast Convention, gave the lecture series on "theology."

Dr. A. R. Van Cleave, dean of Southern Union College and chairman of the SEC Committee on Ministry and

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP

South Alabama-Northwest Florida District

"The Church and Southeast Asia" was the theme of this rally held April 27-28 at Andalusia First Church. The well-planned program consisted of a question box and panel discussion with Stevitta Green, chairman and participants Rev. Ralph Worley Mrs. Pera Kennady, Arthur Wallace, Miss Lynn Nelson and Miss Mary Wilcox; Fun Singing led by V. R. Dobson, SEC president; Work Camp Slides shown by Mrs. Raymond Berry; an address by Charles Newman; and the film, "In the Face of Jeopardy".

New officers were elected during the business sessions, as follows: Wayne Graves, president; Wilsie Hathaway, vice-president; Lynn Nelson, secretary-treasurer; Commission Chairmen—Faith, Stevitta Green; Action, Patty Carter; Fellowship, Lamar Rister.

Raybun and Lowell Kennery, Buddy and Johnny Blackmon served as deacons for the Communion Service. Officers were installed by the Rev. Annie R. Campbell and the Rev. Kermit Harris.

The rally was held April 27 in Birmingham Pilgrim Church with Jean Vincent president, presiding.

The program included an address by V. R. Dobson SEC president; a report of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship annual meeting by the Pilgrim Church P. F. group; Fun Singing led by V. R. Dobson; a report on Summer Conferences and Work Camp, with slides by Rev. Collie Seymour; Recreation led by Diane Kretschmar; and an address on "Rewards of Choosing a Christian Vocation" by the Rev. Claude W. Warren, interim pastor of Pilgrim Church.

Officers are Jean Vincent, president; Robert Saunders, vice-president; Glenda Washburn secretary-treasurer; commission chairmen — faith, Anne Turner; fellowship, Diane Kretschmar, and action, Danny Gletty.

The Pleasant Hill P. F. was deeply saddened by the resignation of Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds.

We have had a busy year under their

guidance. The January meeting included installation of new officers; president, Tommy Little; vice-president, Mary Thompson; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Thompson; reporter, Edwina Simmons; and commission chairmen, Dora Cole, Beulah Blalock, and Deloris Davis. Program chairman is Mary Thompson and membership chairman Billy Wightman.

Programs from January through May included films, parties, and speakers on vocations, home life in Finland, and a Bible quiz. One project was a clean-up program of Pioneer, which is used as a recreation center on Sunday afternoons.

Work Day for Christ was a successful project; we made \$40.25

A recent program at the Cunnings' and Hass' homes included TV and slides on Colorado and the Smoky Mountains. At our last meeting committees planned the program for the summer months.

The Reynolds gave for all seniors a picnic and presented each a Pilgrim Fellowship Testament, as a guide to their future, whether at college or at home. The eight seniors who received the Testaments were: Bettye Cunningham, Freda Tucker, David Kennedy, Norma Moore, Sally Frazier, Dennis Walker, Austin Rose, Frank Little.

—Edwina Simmons, reporter

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The P. F. of Chattanooga Pilgrim Church has had an enjoyable and fruitful year. Highlights were the Workday For Christ, when we made \$42 washing windows, cars, raking leaves, etc.

At Christmas we took punch, fancy napkins and movies to the Chambliss home for juvenile delinquents and children from broken homes. We also went caroling to several homes of the sick and shut-in members, and were entertained afterwards with refreshments by Mrs. R. A. Kampmeier.

We collected clothing and visited the Goodwill Industries, where we observed how the handicapped took old clothes, shoes, and furniture and made

Mrs. Logan Recuperating

Mrs. C. F. Logan, better known to the Southeast Convention as "Jettie", wishes to thank her friends for the many gifts, flowers, cards, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy she received while she was in the hospital.

Mrs. Logan is recovering at her home and says "It won't be long before I can see all of you again."

This is good news for the Southeast Convention, for Mrs. Logan is a dedicated worker, giving of her time, talents and energies in so many phases of the Convention program.

Missionary Speaker . . .

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ence, five of them as secretary and advisor in the S. S. Teachers Training Conferences and Young Adult Conferences in Gunnaken, and 12 were spent as a Sunday School teacher.

Masaru Takahashi is one of five children in a Japanese Christian family. His wife, parents, two sisters and two brothers are all in Japan. At present he is studying at Andover Newton Theological School in Newton, Mass.

DOUGLAS ALBERT

A student at Elon College, Douglas Albert of Pakistan will be the missionary speaker at the Kentucky-Tennessee Family Camp at Pomona, Tenn., during the week of June 9-15. His father is director of youth activities for the West Pakistan Council of Churches.

these into usable articles.

Young people taking part in the church service on Youth Week were Ann Kampmeier, Julia Slagle, Linda Swanson, Mary Stinecipher, Pat Stinecipher, Doug Henley, Tommy Blanks, Jimmy Kennedy, and Mark Slater.

We invited the young people of Centenary Methodist Church to visit one of our meetings.

A box supper for the whole church was sponsored by the P. F., the proceeds going to the building fund.

—Mary Stinecipher, secretary